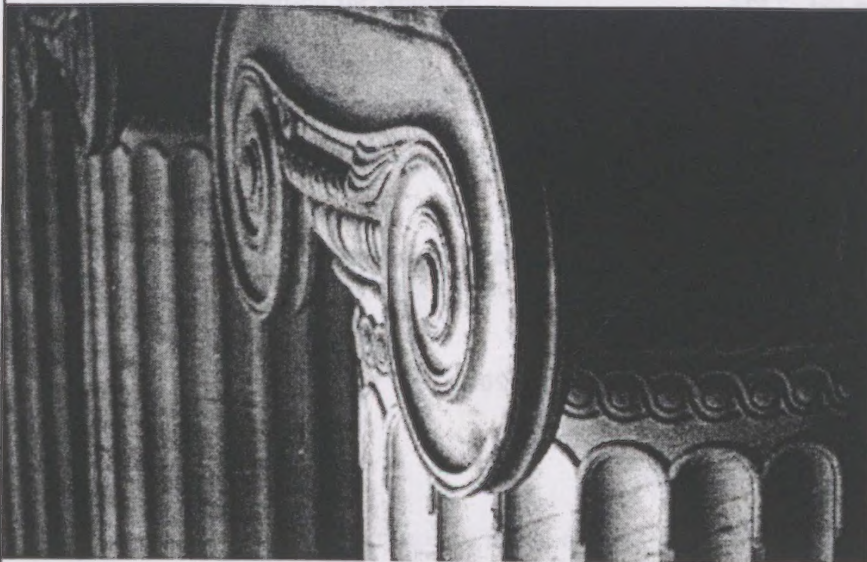


Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
November 16, 2001



Museum Lobbies for Support

Dear Colleagues:

By now, you probably noticed the installation of booths and computer terminals in the northwest corner of Stanley Field Hall. In partnership with the Museums in the Park, we have initiated the second phase of lobbying the Illinois General Assembly, Governor Ryan and Mayor Daley for financial support to be included in the State of Illinois' 2002-2003 annual budget. As you will recall, last year we launched a "grassroots" lobbying campaign that included a Sue booth at the same location. We asked employees and visitors alike to fill out cards addressed to the Governor, Mayor Daley and appropriate state senators and representatives. The result of these efforts was \$20,000,000 from the state earmarked in direct support of The Field Museum.

This round of letter writing has been made easier with the implementation of computer technology. To "Send A Message From The Queen," all you, family members, friends and museum visitors need to do is type in your name and home address—the computer software will automatically prepare personalized cards for your signature. The signed cards will be delivered

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FIELD NOTES

November 16-November 23

Staff/Volunteer Events

Yoga

- Wednesday, 5:00, Maori House

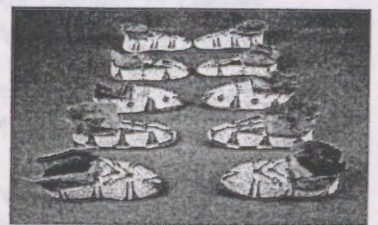
Aerobics Class

- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor
- No Class Thanksgiving Day

Green Sheet Meeting

- Wednesday, 3 p.m. FP&O Conference Room.

Public/Campus Events



Cheyenne Visions Continues in the Webber Gallery

Sigmund Freud: Conflict and Culture, Feature Presentation Anthropology Discovers

Childhood: The Impact of Freud

Dr. Mary Catherine Bateson, Professor,
George Mason University and Visiting
Professor, Harvard Graduate School of
Education

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*Submissions can be emailed to Mark
Schmeltzer (mschmeltzer@fmnh.org)
Or delivered to him via interoffice mail to
the Office of Institutional Advancement.*

*Due to Thanksgiving, the next issue
will appear late MONDAY, Nov. 26.
Please make all submissions by
WEDNESDAY, November 21.*

Lobbying Campaign, continued

over the coming months to each elected official as we make our case for additional state funding to help pay for expansion of the museum—including an East Entrance and the Collections Resource Center.

We all have a vested interest in making this a successful campaign. Please join me and visit the booth and prepare and sign your cards now. In addition, all of us will be asked to work a shift at the booth. What better way to pitch in and support our place of work! It is also a wonderful opportunity to spend a couple hours in Stanley Field Hall and meet visitors from around the world who appreciate this institution and our contributions to the city, state, country and the world at large.

If you have questions or want information on how you can participate, please stop by the booth or always feel free to give me a call directly on ext. 7775.

John McCarter

Change in Museum Free Days

Starting January 7, 2002 we will be changing our Free Days. Please make note of these changes, and communicate this information accordingly. The Shedd Aquarium has been operating off the same schedule, so now you and your family can enjoy both institutions on the same day!

The following is the schedule for FREE days at the Museum starting in 2002:

January 7- February 28th

The Museum FREE days will be on Mondays and Tuesdays

March 1 - August 31

The Museum will offer **NO FREE DAYS**

September 1 - February 28

The Museum FREE days will be on Mondays and Tuesdays

For questions about these changes, please contact the Public Services office at ext. 7911.

**Maria Burns,
Public Services**

Save the Date!



Winter is just around the corner and that can mean only two things, lots of snow and the Annual Staff and Volunteer Holiday Fest. This year's celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 12 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Invitations were sent out this week and we are asking everyone to RSVP by December 5. If you have any questions about this year's Holiday Fest please contact the HR Department at ext. 7271.

We look forward to seeing you all there!!

**Sam Burns,
Human Resources**

Natural Use



Please Feed the Elephants

...*STYROFOAM PEANUTS* * *STYROFOAM PEANUTS* * *STYROFOAM PEANUTS*...

Please don't throw them out! Please bag up your clean styrofoam peanuts for reuse. Mary Anne Rogers (Fishes, ext. 7732) will store them until someone can use them. The Museum Store and many collections staff who have to ship things out find them useful. Thank you for helping to reduce waste.

...*STYROFOAM PEANUTS* * *STYROFOAM PEANUTS* * *STYROFOAM PEANUTS*...

Public Hours Modified for Holidays

The holiday season is here again! To make this holiday season a wonderful experience for visitors, the Museum will be modifying our public Museum hours on the following dates:

Museum Public Holiday Extended Hours

November 23 - November 24	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
December 26 - December 30	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Museum Public Reduced Hours:

December 5	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 12	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 24	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Services office at ext. 7911.

**Maria Burns,
Public Services**

Holiday Decorations

Please be aware that during the week of November 19-25, holiday decorations will be installed. Ivan Carlson will be installing the decorations from 5:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, Wednesday, November 21, Saturday, November 24, and Sunday, November 25, 2001.

If there are any conflicts or concerns, please contact the Public Services office at ext. 7911.

**Maria Burns,
Public Services**

The rumors are true! Audio Visual has changed its name to Media Services.

The Audio Visual department is changing its name to Media Services. The new Media Services department will be more tightly integrating (converging) with other technology areas of Information Services and developing new programs that reflect the changing nature of multimedia technologies. We are also expanding our role in areas such as multimedia production and establishing new cross-institutional partnerships with, for example, Exhibitions. In the next few months we will be announcing new initiatives to help understand, develop, and support these technologies and approaches. Stay Tuned.

**Tony Stepovy,
Media Services**

Internet Switch Delayed

The switch to the Illinois Century Network for Internet services has been delayed two weeks. This delay is due to Intermedia's backlog of service requests. I will provide as much advance warning as possible before the switch is made. Thank you for your patience.

**Robin Ross,
Telecommunication Services**

2001 Staff/Volunteer Cookbook

YOUR RECIPES ARE STILL WELCOME!!

We have set the deadline for November 30, so please send us your favorite recipes soon! Going home for Thanksgiving? What a perfect time to jot down that favorite recipe of home cookin'!

Please send your contributions to this year's cookbook to Elaine Zeiger, Geology (ext. 7627 or ezeiger) or Mary Anne Rogers, Fishes (ext. 7732 or marogers) in any format that is easy for you. Thanks!

**Mary Anne Rogers,
Fishes**

'Tis the season for more exciting Field Museum employee discounts!

The Goodman Theatre is offering employees of The Field Museum exclusive discounts tickets to its production of:

A Christmas Carol

Save \$10 per ticket for the following performances*:

- Saturday, November 17, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 17, 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 18, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 25, 6:00 p.m.

Save \$5 per ticket for the following performances*:

- Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 29, 7:30 p.m.

*Limit: 4 tickets per order. Supplies are limited. Offer is subject to ticket availability. Not valid in conjunction with any other discounts, or on previously purchased tickets.

To purchase tickets, call the Goodman Theatre Box Office at 312.443.3800 and request the Field Museum discount. A Christmas Carol will be performed in the Albert Ivar Goodman Theatre, at 170 North Dearborn St. Regular ticket prices range from \$30-\$45.

Please contact the Human Resources Department at ext. 7271 with any questions.

From Finance—Information on Preferred Services

"PREFERRED HOTEL" AGREEMENT

The Finance Department is pleased to announce that the Purchasing Group working with Kelly Heiple in Exhibitions has negotiated a "Preferred Vendor" agreement with the Claridge Hotel.

The Claridge is a boutique hotel located at 1244 N. Dearborn Parkway just steps away from shopping, entertainment and dining.

Under the terms of the agreement beginning **October 20, 2001 through October 19, 2002** The Field Museum will receive a preferred rate of: **\$99.00 for the Superior Class Room, single or double occupancy, and \$99.00 for the Deluxe Class Room, single or double occupancy.**

This preferred rate is available to any person or vendor coming to Chicago on behalf of the Museum or to do business with the Museum. The Claridge's preferred rate is also available to family and friends of Museum employees. In order to receive The Field Museum's preferred rate: reservations will have to be made by a Museum employee with the Claridge Hotel. To avoid any confusion we have supplied the Claridge Hotel with a list of names of Museum employees. **To make reservations at the Claridge please call: (312) 787-4980.** Should you have any questions please contact Larry Jeffries at ext. 7260.

"PREFERRED MESSENGER SERVICE"

The Finance Department is pleased to announce that effective **November 5, 2001: A - Z Messenger Service** has been chosen as the Field Museum's "preferred" supplier of messenger services.

A - Z Messenger Service is a Chicago based Minority Business Enterprise that was founded in 1968 by Mr. Colonel Bradford. A - Z Messenger Service is located at: **800 W. Randolph Ave., Chicago, IL 60607.**

A - Z Messenger work orders and business cards are being distributed to each department via inter-museum mail. Prior to receiving the work orders and business cards if your department needs to order messenger services from A - Z please call **312-563-0999**. You can also contact A - Z with a work order by faxing to **312-563-0294**. Please provide A - Z with the proper account string when placing an order for messenger service.

Should you have any questions please contact Larry Jeffries at ext. 7260.

"PREFERRED TRAVEL AGENCY"

The Finance Department is pleased to announce that after reviewing the travel services provided by two WBE travel agencies, Corporate Travel Management and Travl, Travl, Travl, the decision has been made to award The Field Museum's travel business to Travl, Travl, Travl.

Travl, Travl, Travl was founded in 1946 and has been operated by the same owner and management since 1967. The agency is headquartered at **980 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.**

Travl, Travl, Travl has assigned a dedicated team of travel agents to service the Museums travel business. The two ladies' who will handle the Museum's travel business will be **Ms. Sharon Hicks** and **Ms. Kellie Nicoloudes**. Sharon and Kellie can be contacted by telephone at **(312) 951-0951** or faxed at **(312) 951-0952**. Their e-mail address's are: sharon@travltravltravl.com and kellie@travltravltravl.com

November 15, 2001 will be the official transition date of moving our business from Corporate Travel Management to Travl, Travl, Travl. Prior to the November 15 transition date every Museum employee who travels on Museum business will be required to call Travl, Travl, Travl an update a "Traveler Profile." When you are updating your "Traveler Profile" you will be asked to provide the agency with your **cost center number**. Please update your "Travel Profile" with Travl, Travl, Travl at your earliest opportunity. The agency will not be able to assist you with travel related services without a "Traveler Profile" on file.

Should you have any questions please contact **Larry Jeffries (Finance)** at ext. 7260.

Nov. 5, 2001

Dear Dr. McCarter,

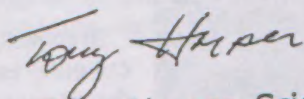
I am a recent attendee of the Becoming Human and Beyond conference held at your institution, Nov. 1-3, and am writing to let you know how pleased I am personally with the scope and professionalism of the conference, with the creative blend of presenters, and with the innovative use of interpretive reading and dance to introduce the conference. I and a colleague, Tim Kajfez, both of us teachers at New Trier High School, attended because we are in the maiden year of a jointly taught course, Integrated Principles of History and Science, designed to address the question: What does it mean to be human? Clearly, this conference could not have been timlier for us.

I would in particular like to compliment the members of the Field Museum staff, both academic members and administrative members, for their efforts to bring about what was for me (and Tim K.) a very rewarding experience. Chief among these people are: Dr. Alaka Wali, Dr. Gary Feinman, Dr. Robert Martin, Dr. John Terrell, and Michaela Marchi. Dr. Jim Miller of the American Association for

the Advancement of Science also deserves considerable thanks for his role with Dr. Wali in organizing the conference. It is not often that those of us in secondary education receive the intellectual shot in the arm that this conference has provided and even less often for us to have the opportunity for such close contact with so many leading thinkers who have examined the human condition.

In closing, I hope that the current theme, our evolving humanness, can be extended to another conference sometime in the future. There is so much to explore with regard to who we are that Becoming Human and Beyond should be seen as a very good beginning to what has to be one of the ultimate areas of research and human interest. Again, the conference was superb in no small part because of the role that your staff played in creating an outstanding intellectual experience. Many thanks.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tony Harper'.

Tony Harper, Science, New Trier

Cc: Gerry Munley, Chair, Science Department. New Trier and Dr. Alaka Wali.

NEWS FROM MUSEUM CAMPUS CHICAGO

MUSEUM CAMPUS FREE TROLLEY SERVICE FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEKEND

The FREE Museum Campus Trolley service will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25. The service operates from the East Soldier Field parking lots to the Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium and Field Museum as well as the Roosevelt Road CTA Red, Green and Orange Lines designated stops (closely located to the Campus stops) with routes to the Metra stations, Michigan Avenue and Navy Pier.

MUSEUMS' THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum

Closed Thanksgiving Day

November 23 - November 25: Open 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Field Museum

November 22, Thanksgiving Day: Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

November 23 - November 24: Open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

November 25: Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

John G. Shedd Aquarium

November 22, Thanksgiving Day: Open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

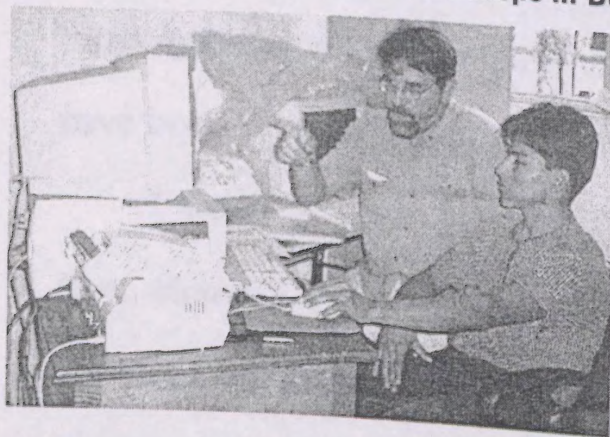
November 23 - November 25: Open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**Christina Breslow,
Museum Campus**

Academic Affairs

ECP's Brinkmeier Presents Workshops in Bolivia



ECP's Dan Brinkmeier recently returned from Cobija, The Department of Pando, Bolivia, after having presented a series of workshops for staff at the Amazonian University of Pando. The workshops were presented to initiate a documentation and communication center at the university that will support future community conservation and environmental education efforts in Northern Bolivia.

Brinkmeier carried down second-hand Macintosh computer equipment donated by various Museum departments (primarily Exhibitions and ECP), and trained three biology students in basic desktop publishing and design skills needed to produce simple technical booklets for public dissemination. While in Cobija, Brinkmeier represented The Field Museum at the inauguration of the new university campus, and briefly explained Field Museum programs and the capacity-building efforts at the university to Bolivia's new president, Jorge Fernando Quiroga Ramirez, who was there to provide the inaugural address. Brinkmeier also attended meetings on the development of a new urban ecological park in Cobija that could be the site of future public conservation education efforts carried out by The Field Museum in collaboration with Brookfield Zoo and academic institutions such as The University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point.

**Gillian Darlow,
ECP**

Kenyan Biologists Depart

On Friday, November 9, after nearly three months of work at the Field Museum, Ogeto Mwebi (Acting Head, Department of Osteology, National Museums of Kenya) and Caleb Obunyali (Research Assistant, East African Herbarium, Nairobi) returned to Nairobi. They were the final two participants of the African Tropical Biodiversity Program (ATBP) chosen to come to the U.S. While here, Ogeto learned techniques for the identification of animal hairs that he will apply toward the study of predatory behavior of carnivores in Kenya. He also made great progress on his M.Sc. research. Caleb trained in Botanical curatorial techniques before developing plans for a Master's Degree at the University of Missouri/St. Louis.

The departure of these Kenyan biologists marks the finish of a five-year program funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, formally titled Conservation of Biological Diversity in Uganda: A Collaborative Program in Training and Education between Makerere University (Kampala, Uganda) and Field Museum (Chicago). Over the past five years, 55 African nationals from eight countries have been trained in botanical and zoological survey techniques through field programs run in Uganda with our colleagues at Makerere University. In addition to Ogeto and Caleb, six others have come to Chicago for follow-up studies: Robert Kityo (Museum of Zoology, Makerere University), George Amutete (National Museums of Kenya), Omari Ilambu (ICCN, Democratic Republic of Congo), Prince Kaleme (Lwiro, DRC), and Sarah Nachuha and Saidu Maishanu (Islamic University of Uganda).

Goals of the program were: 1) to rehabilitate the Museum of Zoology (Makerere University), 2) to help develop a corp of African field biologists, 3) to document the bird, mammal and botanical communities of select Ugandan forests, and 4) to provide unique opportunities for career and research development for those ATBP graduates selected to come to Chicago.

Special thanks to Roy Gereau of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Dr. Bruce Hayward (Western New Mexico University), Mike Huhndorf (Illinois State University), Ben Marks (Louisiana State University), Pamela Austin (Field Associate, Zoology), and Tom Gnoske (FMNH) for their participation in the training in the field, as well as to our colleagues in Botany for their help in advanced training at FMNH: Jack Regalado and Doel Soejarto (Research Associates), Greg Mueller (Associate Curator and Chair) and Christine Niezgoda (Collection Manager).

**Julian Kerbis, Mammals,
Dave Willard, Birds**

ECP scientists off to Peru

Robin Foster, ECP, is in Peru visiting field sites in and near Iquitos, inventorying and photographing species for new rapid color guides with research assistants Mary Gibling and Heike Betz. They are currently in Selva Central, in the Yanachaga-Chemillen National Park, also helping set up botanical trails. They return the end of November.

Latest AquaRAP report released.

The latest RAP report—A Biological Assessment of the Aquatic Ecosystems of the Rio Paraguay Basin, Alto Paraguay, Paraguay—has just been published. Barry Chernoff, Phil Willink (both Zoology/Fishes) and Jensen Montambault edited the volume, which compiles the results of their September 1997 AquaRAP trip.

Welcome to ECP visitors

Montserrat Rios is visiting ECP from Brazil through December 24. She is an ethnobotanist and her research is in the Amazonian lowlands where she works with the "small farmers" community. While here, working in the Rapid Reference Collection, Montserrat also will prepare color guides from her slides.

Paul Fines is a Ph.D. student who is currently working in the Rapid Reference Collection and in the main Herbarium to help revise the Burseraceae. He also will collaborate with ECP staff on a color photo-guide for his research area in Iquitos, Peru.

New journal named for Mike Dillon

The Universidad San Augustin in Arequipa, Peru has instituted a new scientific journal called Dilloniana in honor of Mike Dillon (or as he is known in Peru, "Dillon of the Andes.") In addition to undertaking outstanding research on the plants and biological conservation of the region over the past 20 years, Mike has actively worked towards building scientific capacity in this part of Peru through training students and young faculty and by helping find funding for equipment and field work. The journal will be an outlet for a wide range of scientific papers, not just botany. The first issue is due out in November and Mike hopes to have a copy of the first volume before he returns to Chicago in early December. As far as we know, this is the first journal named after an active curator. Readers will recall that Mike had a genus (*Dillandia*) named for him earlier in the year.

Jun Wen lands major grant from Chinese Academy

Associate Curator Jun Wen (Botany) recently received a grant from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (2 million yuan, equivalent to \$250,000) to conduct research on the evolution of eastern Asian and eastern North American biogeographic disjunction in plants. This is one of the largest grants the Academy has ever awarded and Jun is one of the few scientists not resident in China to get such a grant. She will have a month residence in China each year to build collaboration with colleagues and students there.

Chumei Ho addresses Thai ceramics conference.

Adjunct Curator Chuimei Ho (Anthropology) will be giving a paper at the International Conference on "Sangkhalok-Sukhothai-Ayuthaya and Asia," which will be held November 22-23 at Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand. Chuimei's paper is titled "Push and Pull Effects for the Rise of Historical Sangkhalok Ceramics."



Van Stone Remembered in Anthropology Publication

In the latest issue (November 2001) of *Anthropology News* there is a thorough and sensitive obituary of Jim Van Stone, Curator Emeritus of Arctic and Subarctic Ethnology and Archaeology. We owe thanks to Mark Alvey for this nice overview of Jim's career and spirit.

**Jonathan Haas,
Anthropology**

Science & Research Media Hits

Submitted by Greg Borzo, Media Manager, Scientific Affairs

- John Bates was quoted in a November 9 *Chicago Tribune* article about research on the West Nile Virus. The story discusses theories that the virus is more widespread than previously thought and might be spread by birds themselves, in addition to being spread by mosquitoes. To determine whether this is true, The Field Museum is sending tissue samples of dead birds to scientists in New York. Although the story discusses nationwide research, John provided the original story idea, something for which the *Tribune* reporter was very grateful.

- An Associated Press article about a scientific paper that appeared in *Nature* quoted John Flynn. The November 1 *Nature* paper described fossils of a chipmunk-sized animal that lived about 85 million years ago. It suggested that placental mammals arose much earlier than is generally believed and that they thrived for millions of years alongside dinosaurs. Interviewed by e-mail, John called the paper's analysis incomplete but said that the fossils were important.

THE FIELD MUSEUM

2002 STAFF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Below is a listing of staff holidays for 2002. The list also specifies which days the Museum will be closed to the public. Your actual day off will be determined by where you work (public or non-public area). There are a total of 10 holiday days each year.

DAYS THE MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

Tuesday	January 1	New Year's Day
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas Day

DAYS NON-PUBLIC AREAS OF THE MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED:

Tuesday	January 1	New Year's Day
Monday	January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday	May 27	Memorial Day
Thursday	July 4	Independence Day
Monday	September 2	Labor Day
Thursday	November 28	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas Day
Your Choice	Your Choice	Floating Holiday
Your Choice	Your Choice	Floating Holiday
Your Choice	Your Choice	Floating Holiday

FLOATING HOLIDAYS

You may be eligible for up to three floating holidays, based on your length of service (new hires/rehires, please check with Human Resources on the Floating Holiday Usage policy). This will give you more flexibility in customizing a time/off schedule that fits your work/life needs. The use of your floating holidays requires advance approval by your supervisor/department manager and must be used within the calendar year. You cannot carry over unused holiday time to the year 2003. When you leave the Museum, you will not be paid for unused holiday time.

TIME SHEETS

When you use your floating holidays, code your time in the "Floating Holiday" section of your time sheet.

The Field Museum

helping the earth and its people

2001 Pledge Form*

Name _____

Department _____ Ext. _____

**Any previous contributions will stop at the end of 2001. If you want to contribute in 2002, you must complete this form. All information must be completed for processing; you may donate to one, two, or all three funds. Make a copy of this form for your records and return the original to the Human Resources Department by Friday, December. 7.*

The Field Museum Annual Fund



I pledge the amount indicated to support and sustain every aspect of our vast institution, from research and collections to education and the people who make it all happen.

MY PLEDGE IS:

- ☐ \$ _____
divided among 26 pay periods
- ☐ \$ _____
one time payroll deduction
- ☐ \$ _____
cash, check or credit card

Total Pledge: _____

united way



I pledge the amount indicated in support of health and human services provided by the agencies of United Way.

MY PLEDGE IS:

- ☐ \$ _____
divided among 26 pay periods
- ☐ \$ _____
one time payroll deduction
- ☐ \$ _____
cash, check or credit card

Total Pledge: _____

Earth Share OF ILLINOIS



I pledge the amount indicated to support environmental and conservation efforts funded by Earth Share.

MY PLEDGE IS:

- ☐ \$ _____
divided among 26 pay periods
- ☐ \$ _____
one time payroll deduction
- ☐ \$ _____
cash, check or credit card

Total Pledge: _____

- ☐ I would like my gift to be distributed to affiliated environmental agencies of Earth Share.
- ☐ I would like to designate my gift to a specific agency or agencies (see brochure for list of agencies):

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

For credit card contributions:

Check one: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Authorization Signature: _____

For check contributions:

Make all checks payable to The Field Museum.

For payroll deduction contributions:

As completed above, I hereby authorize The Field Museum to deduct the amount indicated automatically from my paychecks on a post-tax basis, beginning in January of 2002. I understand that the deduction will be taken out of each paycheck until the total amount is met or is revoked by me in writing, in a timely manner to allow The Field Museum a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

☐ I want this deduction to automatically continue each year. (You will not need to fill out a new pledge form each year.)

Employee Signature _____ Date _____

Baker's Corner

By Paul Baker

The Depression year of 1931 was a good year for the Museum, all things considered, and the "Annual Report of the Director, January 1932" makes fascinating reading. Among many bits of interest: Malvina Hoffman was in the Far East working on her sculptures, the "North American Geese and Swans" case for Hall 21 was installed and 28 murals representing the life and scenery of past geological periods by Charles R. Knight were donated by Ernest R. Graham.

Despite the poor economic times, 1,515,540 people came to encounter natural history (126,209 paid). After viewing the "Hall of Foreign Woods" and the newly added cases of titanotheres, some of these folks probably ate in the cafeteria.

That's right, cafeteria. The 30s were happening years for food: vitamin D-enriched milk, Spam from Hormel and Ritz Crackers. Cafeterias fit right into the scheme of things. Family kitchens and restaurants were faced with the challenge of making due with less. Someone had the great idea of making simple meals, like those at home, at a low price, with fewer ingredients and yet with better selection than mom was willing to create. I'll bet that the menu on the ground level offered macaroni and cheese, chili, meatloaf and inexpensive vegetables like peas, carrots and potatoes along with the ubiquitous hot dog and hamburger.

Of course, the first thing I think of when I hear the word "cafeteria" is food service in a school context. We had to bag-it to grade school but junior and senior high schools in our town had cafeterias. I can still remember the smell of a plate with a hamburger, kernel corn and mashed potatoes. For some obscure reason that was my favorite and I waited for it to be served, always making sure to get extra dill pickles. In college it was not cool to enjoy the cafeteria and so I joined in with cat-calling and pranks when the food seemed unusually bad. The term "mystery meat" is in every college lexicon in the English-speaking world and I don't remember any good meals at Iowa State. I do remember rebelling against choking down poorly fried chicken for a fourth straight day. (A drinking glass affixed to the bottom of a wooden chair will remain adhered by a pat of butter until the next person's anatomy warms it sufficiently.)

Mary Bellis of Inventors.Com suggests that, "In 1891, the YWCA of Kansas City, Mo. established what food industry historians consider the first cafeteria." And for a look at a beautifully-restored cafeteria visit <http://library.thinkquest.org/J0112120/swchistory.htm> to see the fabulous art-deco S&W Cafeteria in

Asheville, N.C., designed by Douglas Ellington in 1928-29. Those of you from southern reaches have probably been to one of the locations of Luby's Cafeteria system, which started in San Antonio and now can be found in 11 states. You can even get take-out at Luby's, although that seems to be contrary to the main reason of going to a cafeteria—the study of anthropology.

In Chicago the chain was Thompson's. In 1928, according to "Jazz Age Chicago," there were no less than 47 opportunities to "Meet Me at Thompson's." The last Chicago cafeteria that I had any dealings with was Morton's on west Jackson. But enough maundering.

According to the Report, in 1931 the Museum cafeteria was "completely remodeled, redecorated and equipped with the most modern facilities" (great photo on p.177—looks like Horn & Hardart). "This was done at great expense, and, as has been the case with so many of the improvements made in the Museum, the burden of its cost and the work of planning for it were borne by President Stanley Field."

Soundproofing was added to the old space and the walls covered with large maps of all of the continents, which "suggest the worldwide scope of the expeditions (17 that year) and other activities of the Museum, and the vast sweep of lands and seas from which have been gathered its collections." New tables and chairs (not the more recent tan/green/black ones found around the building) and blue china were bought. The tables had carved legs and had two chairs on two sides. Wrought-iron wagon wheels held electric lights shining on the diners seated above "attractive floor covering."

There was a separate room for "children and other persons bringing their own lunches" where they could supplement their brown bags with "coffee, tea, milk and other beverages and light foods sold at especially low prices." Scientific and administrative staff could eat in a room "equipped to permit luncheon conferences to discuss Museum business when required."

The Museum was doing a good job then of what we still do today: providing for the public's necessities and thereby keeping them near the exhibits and the Museum store for a longer period of time. Now, if I could just find my meal-ticket.

Due to Thanksgiving, the Next Issue of Natural News will appear on Monday, November 26.

Fill in the information and return a self-addressed stamped envelope

2001 Women's Board Children's Holiday Celebration

My children's ages are _____.
We have been to the tea _____ times!

Adult Members' Tickets, \$12 each
Adult Non-Members' Tickets, \$17 each
children's Tickets, \$7 each
(age 13 and under, members and non-members)
TOTAL:

of Tickets

Price

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
Please make your check payable to The Field Museum

Please charge my credit card.

☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

card number _____

Signature _____

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Telephone (daytime) _____

Dance around
in feathered feet

Face Painting

Storytime with
The Field Mouse

Make an Indian
Storage Sack,

Spell your name in
Egyptian
Hieroglyphics

Make a Winter Animal
Tracking Journal

Art Creations with
Mr. Imagination

Photos with Santa

Fresh baked
Holiday Cookies

Jugglers

Magicians

Explore The
Field Museum

The Stu Hirsh
Orchestra

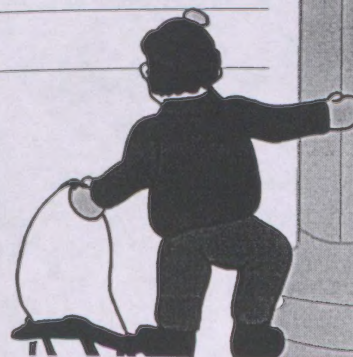
The Jesse White
Tumblers

Ballet Chicago
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Children's Choir

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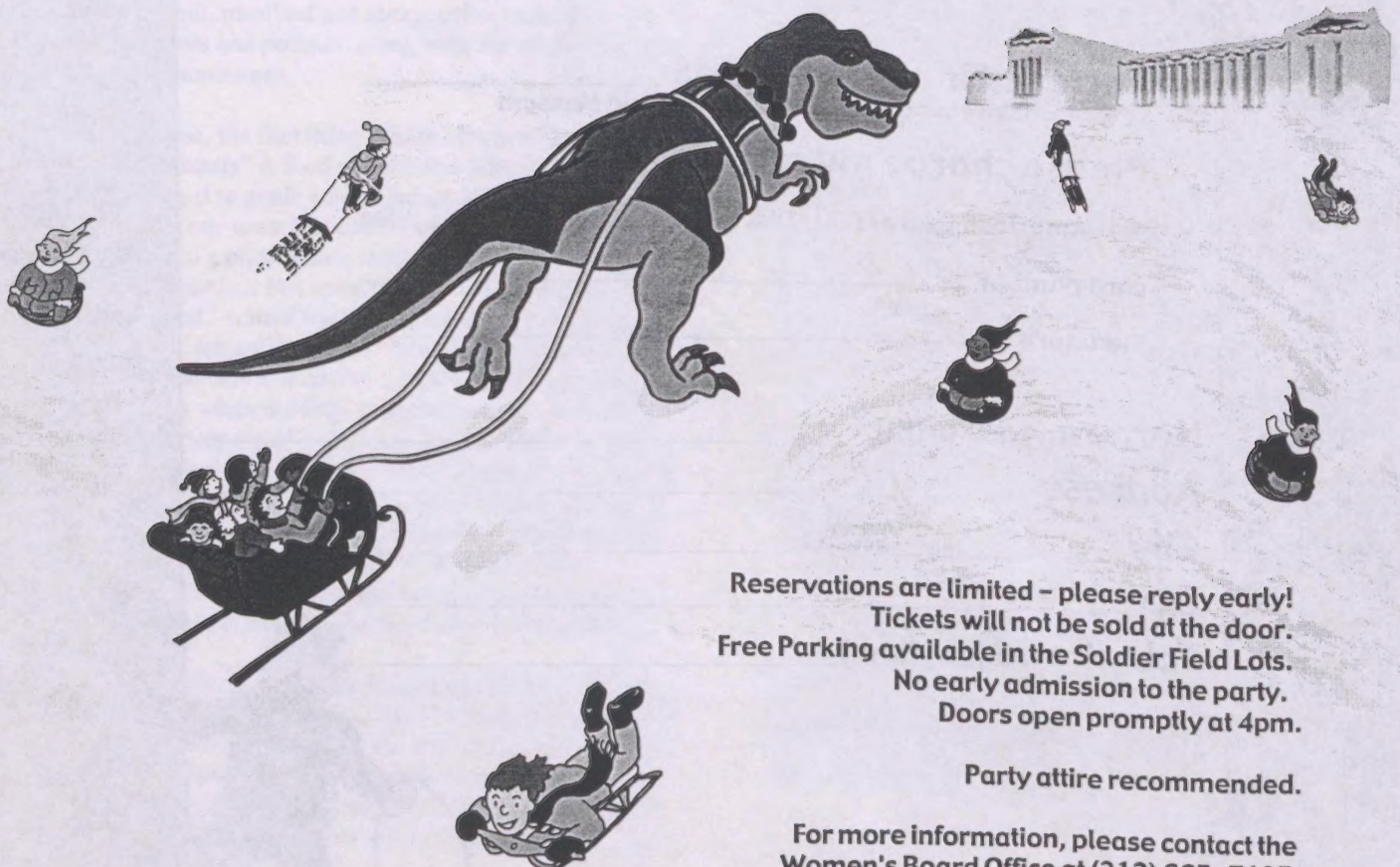


2001 Women's Board
of The Field Museum
cordially invites you and your family to our

Children's Holiday Celebration

The Field Museum
Wednesday, December 5
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Stu Hirsh Orchestra
The Jesse White Tumblers
Ballet Chicago Studio Company
Chicago Children's Choir
Mr. Imagination
A Visit from Santa



Reservations are limited - please reply early!
Tickets will not be sold at the door.
Free Parking available in the Soldier Field Lots.
No early admission to the party.
Doors open promptly at 4pm.

Party attire recommended.

For more information, please contact the
Women's Board Office at (312) 665-7135.